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1. AT OCTOBER 9 ECONADS MEETING WORK PROGRAM FOR BALANCE OF YEAR WAS APPROVED, SUBSTANTIALLY AS CONTAINED IN REFTEL A (BEING REPEATED TO INFO POSTS). DUE TO FRANCH (AND US) RETICENCE, FURTHER DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE LATER SCHEDULING OF A SPECIAL MEETING ON JOINT COMMISSIONS

WAS POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT SPRING (ITEM II). AT THIS STAGE, NO EXPERTS MEETING ON CSCE BASKET II IS FORESEEN IN NEAR TERM (ITEM III). SEPTEL REPORTS FURTHER ECONADS ACTIVITY ON CSCE FOLLOW-UPM

2. CHAIRMAN REQUESTED THAT FRG PROVIDE BASIC PAPER FOR ITEM IV, DISCUSSION OF INFLACTION IN EE AND USSR. GERMAN ECONAD SAID HE WOULD REFER REQUEST TO BONN.
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3. ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE WILL PREPARE BASIC PAPER ON ECONOMIC TRENDS IN CHINA, ITEM V, BUT WELCOMES ANY CONTRIBUTIONS OTHERS (ESPECIALLY US) MIGHT WANT TO MAKE. MEETING IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 19 VICE 26.

- 4. AT REQUEST OF DANES, WHO WILL BE ECONOMIC RAPPORTEUR FOR MC-161 EXERCISE, COMMITTEE AGREED TO HOLD MEETING ON SOVIET DEFENSE EXPENDITURES, ITEM VI, ON MARCH 4 AND 5, IN ADVANCE OF THE MC-161 GATHERING.
- 5. UK HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE BASIC PAPER FOR DISCUSSION OF ITEM VII, ENERGY SITUATION IN THE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES 1976-1980.
- 6. MAY 13-14 WAS AGREED FOR MEETING ON POPULATION TRENDS. CHAIRMAN SAID HE PLANNED TO DISTRIBUTE A TENTATIVE OUTLINE FOR THIS MEETING SHORTLY, AND REQUEST AT THAT TIME THAT VARIOUS MEMBERS (INDLUDING THE US) PREPARE DOCUEMTNS IN ADVANCE ON SELECTED POINTS.
- 7. ON ITEM IX, THE REVIEW OF THE SOVIET ECONOMY WILL BE HELD JUNE 24-25, AS REQUESTED BY US. REVIEW OF HUNGARY (VICE POLAND), ROMANIA AND BULGARIA WILL TAKE PLACE JUNE 3-4. AS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY, FRENCH HAVE OFFERED TO DO BASIC REPORT ON ROMANIA.
- 8. MEETING ON "COMECON AS AN INSTRUMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEGRATION" WILL BE HELD JULY 8 (ITEM X). NO OFFER OF OR REQUEST FOR PAPER HAS YET BEEN MADE.
- 9. INFO ADDRESSEES ARE WELCOME TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO THOSE MEETINGS OF INTEREST TO THEM. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS MISSION WOULD BE UNABLE TO FUND TRAVEL, HOWEVER. STREATOR

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